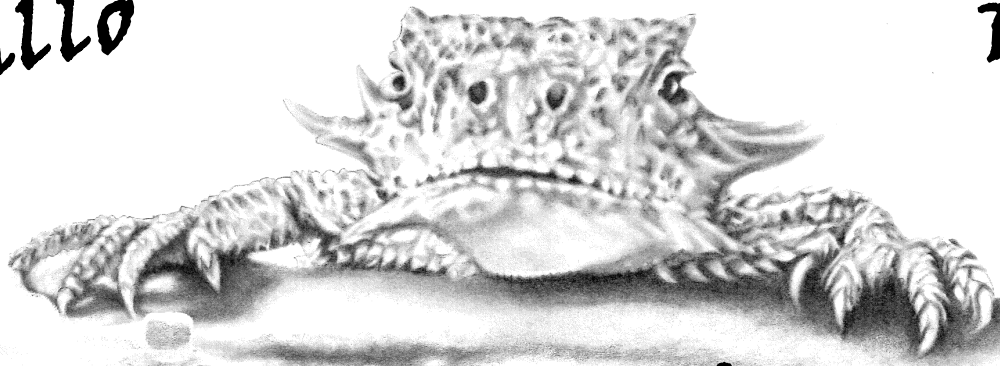


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## Interpretive Schedule

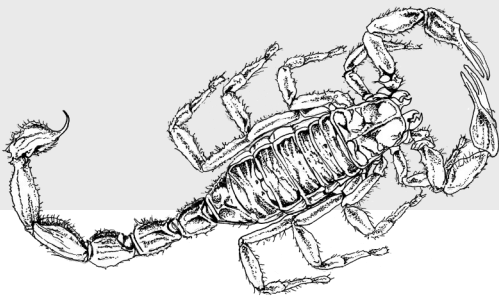
### **HAPPY HALLOWEEN! MUAH-HA-HA-HA (CUE THE SPOOKY MUSIC)**

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

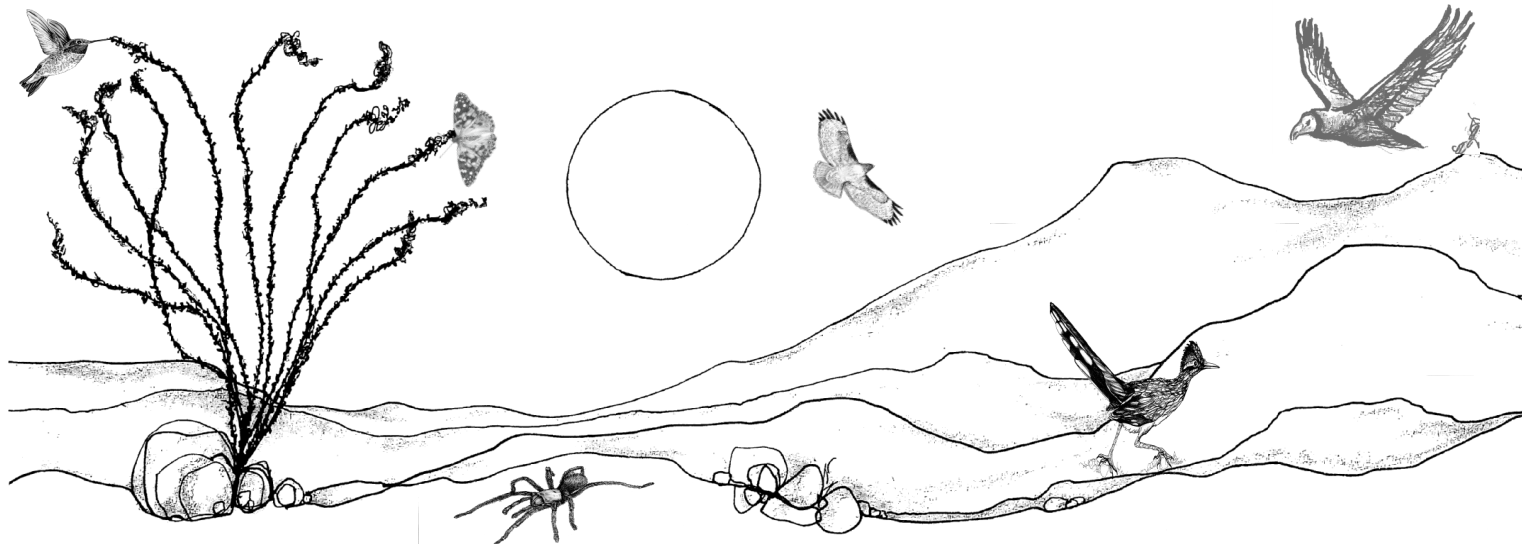
Ocotillo Wells offers over 80,000 acres for riding, camping, wildlife watching, and enjoyment of spectacular desert scenery away from the city.

In addition, Ocotillo Wells is now offering visitors the opportunity to discover more about the desert at fun-filled events taking place throughout the weekend.

Come see live glowing scorpions, and discover how the “pumpkins” are formed. View the night sky through a telescope and learn about constellations. There are even opportunities for you to learn about animal tracks and scat. This weekend discover one of OW’s creepy crawling critters at our spooky “Halloween-themed” Junior Rangers Programs. We hope to see you there.



*The giant hairy scorpion is the largest scorpion found in the United States and can measure up to six inches in length! During the summer months scorpions follow moisture deep into the soil, digging burrows as deep as 8 feet! Come see live local species at our Desert Animal Exhibit.*



## **Saturday, October 29th, 2011**

### **8:00 am to 10:00 am Coffee with a Naturalist**

Join our Park Naturalist for a free cup of fresh-brewed coffee or hot chocolate before you head out on the trail! Stop by the youth track on Ranger Station Rd to enjoy a hot beverage, great conversation, and find out what exciting interpretive programs will be offered throughout the weekend.

### **10:00 am to 5:00 pm Discover Ocotillo Wells!**

Stop by our mobile interpretive center at the SDORC Lost Lizard Fun Run, across from the Blu-Inn, for an intimate look into the many pieces that make your desert such a special place. From glowing scorpions to badgers, to geology and scat, there will be plenty for you to explore!

### **10:00 am to 5:00 pm Adventure On The Go!**

Calling all kids! Stop by our mobile interpretive center across from the Blu-Inn to discover all of the fun and adventure Ocotillo Wells has to offer.

### **11:00 am to 12:00 pm Junior Ranger Program at the Discovery Center**

This week our Junior Rangers will be talking about some of the fun and exciting things located right here in Ocotillo Wells. This program is for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

### **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Jr. Ranger Explorer Zone at the Discovery Center**

Join us at the Discovery Center anytime between 1pm and 3pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts, and exciting fun facts about your favorite state park!

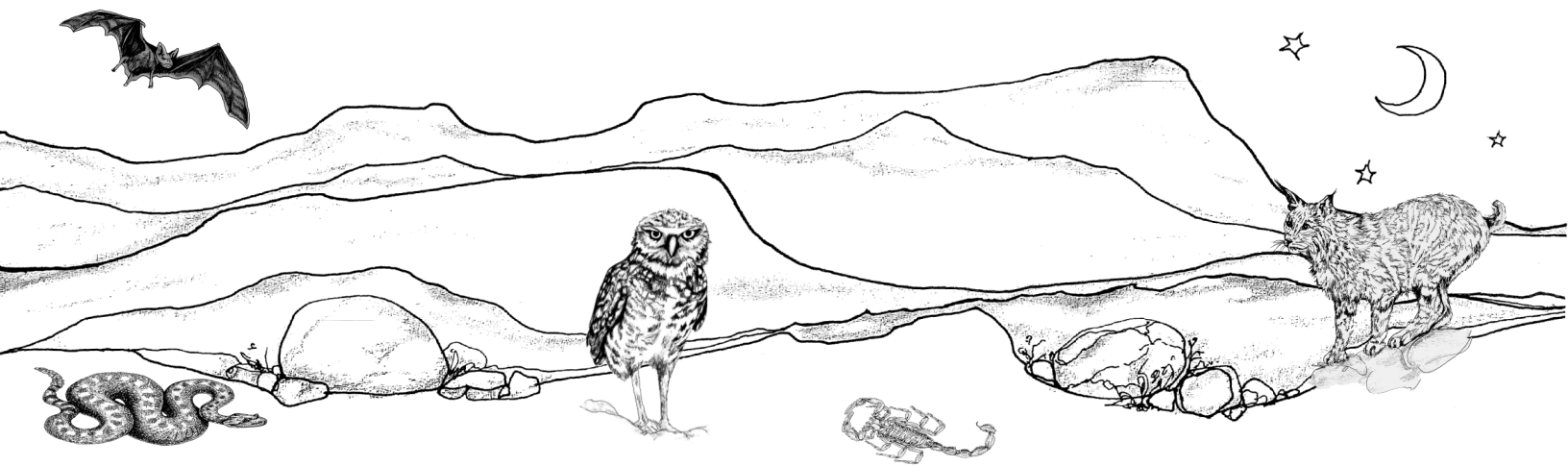
### **9:00 am to 4:00 pm Gnarly Beasts of the Past at Shell Reef**

What is the most gnarly feature of Ocotillo Wells' past? Picture a shark the size of a bus chasing walruses through the sea above Shell Reef. Come check out a skull of the biggest bear that ever walked the Earth! Discover these mega-critters at the Gnarly Beasts of the Past exhibit.

### **6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Evening Program— Stargazing**

Join us at our amphitheater, located at the Ranger Station, for an incredible look at our night sky. Our park interpreters will amaze you with views of the moon, stars, and planets. Bring a light jacket and be prepared to enjoy a campfire, drink hot chocolate, and roast marshmallows at this wonderful family event.





## Sunday, October 30th, 2011

### 8:30 am to 3:00 pm      Desert Animal Exhibit—Scorpions, Badgers & More

Join us at the Truckhaven 4x4 Training Area off of S22 for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells' year-round residents including badgers! Yes, we have badgers at OW! You will also have the opportunity to take a close-up look at a live glow-in-the-dark scorpion. Also, make sure you play the hit trivia game, *"Who's Scat is That"* and win your own "Golden Scat" award.

### 8:30 am to 3:00 pm      Talking Pumpkins with the Naturalist

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about our geologic past. Located at the Pumpkin Patch you will find us set up to tell you how the "pumpkins" were formed. Polish your rock identification skills with *"Rock-otillo"* and win an excellent prize.

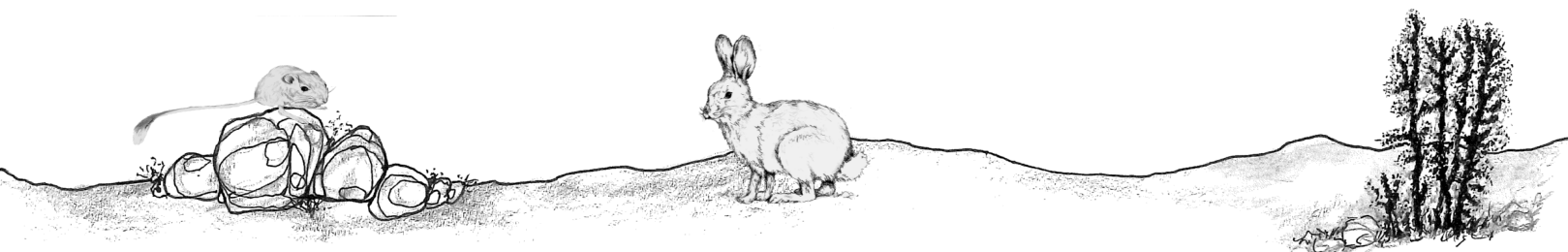
### 8:30 am to 3:00 pm      Talking Bubbles at the Gas Domes

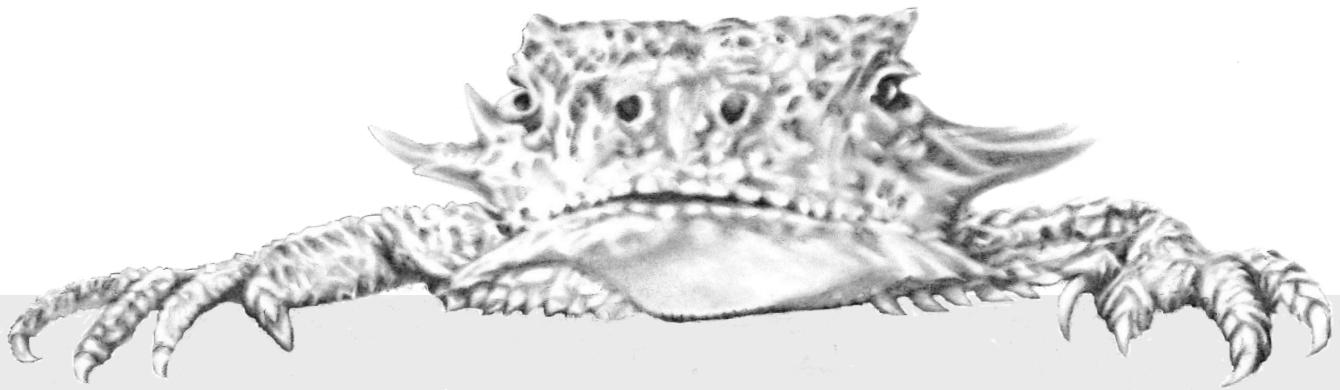
Join our Park Interpreters for a great time talking about this geological feature. You will find us set up at the Gas Domes to help you discover many fascinating facts about this area. Come find out why the domes bubble!

### 8:30 am to 3:00 pm      Adventure On The Go at Gas Domes

Calling all kids! Stop by the Gas Domes to discover all of the fun and adventure Ocotillo Wells has to offer.

**\*\*PROGRAMS MAY BE CANCELLED IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER\*\***





*The wonders of Ocotillo Wells are here for your discovery.  
While visiting us, take time to enjoy the subtle things around you,  
they are worthy of your exploration.*

## **Upcoming Events**

**Take a look at Ocotillo Wells Off-Road Tour Series:**

### **“Wildcats” and Oilmen at Ocotillo Wells 11/18/11**

“OIL! OIL! OIL!” proclaims an early 20th-century advertisement from Imperial County. Come and discover the mostly hidden story of roughnecks, adventurers, geologists, would-be oilmen, and a few schemers who explored our desert in the hopes of striking it rich in black gold. Join Ocotillo Wells’ last remaining “wildcatter” oilman, Mr. Doyle, for a colorful and in-depth tour through this history of high hopes and financial shenanigans.

This tour meets at the Ranger Station at 9:00 am and lasts until approximately 1:00 pm. Come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance, 4WD vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure! Call (760) 767-5393 for more information.



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